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MEMBERSHIP

REF: STATE 82449; (B) OSLO 1696

1. EMBOFF MADE DEMARCHE TO MFA ACTING SECGEN INGVARSSON BASED
ON REF (A) (FONMIN UNAVAILABLE BECAUSE OF FISHERIES DISPUTE
NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITISH). INGVARSSON REPLIED THAT ICELANDIC
DEL TO WHA HAD ALREADY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO VOTE AGAINST ROK
RESOLUTION FOR POSTPONEMENT BUT PROMISED THAT DEMARCHE WOULD BE
BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF FONMIN TODAY.

2. INGVARSSON EXPLAINED THAT CONSULTATION WAS UNDERWAY WITH
DANES AND THAT NORTH KOREAN AMB TO MOSCOW WOULD BE JOINTLY
APPROACHED EARLY NEXT WEEK REGARDING " NORMALIZATION" OF RELATIONS.

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3. DANES AND ICELANDERS HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS ON DAY OF VOTE ON MEMBERSHIP QUESTION IN WHA.

4. EMBOFF CONTACTED INGVARSSON AGAIN UPON RECEIPT OF REF (B) AND CONVEYED INFO RE NORWEGIAN DECISION. INGVARSSON " TOOK NOTE" OF INFO AND PROMISED TO INFORM FONMIN. HE DID NOT COMMIT ICELAND IN ANY WAY.

5. COMMENT: FAVORABLE ACTION BY GOI APPEARS MOST DOR TO MOSCOW BUT WAS RATHER

A RETURN TO THE STABLE SITUATION EXISTING BEFORE AUGUST 1968. IN THE GERMAN VIEW, THERE IS EVERY REASON FOR THE YUGOSLAVS TO AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY TENSION IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE SOVIET UNION. TITO' S AGE AND THE PROSPECT OF A CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IN YUGOSLAVIA IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE ARGUE FOR A POLICY DESIGNED, INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE, TO DEPRIVE THE SOVIETS OF ANY PRETEXT FOR INTERVENTION IN YUGOSLAVIA. OUR CONTACT MENTIONED THE YUGOSLAV ATTITUDE ON THE HUNGARIAN QUESTION IN MBFR AS A CASE IN POINT. OBVIOUSLY THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE STRONG INTEREST IN PREVENTING MBFR FROM RESULTING IN GREATER CONCENTRATION OF PRESSURE ON THE WARSAW PACT' S SOUTHERN FLANK, AND IN THIS SENSE THE INCLUSION OF HUNGARY IN THE AREA OF CONSTRAINTS AND/ OR REDUCTIONS IS OF CAPITAL INTEREST TO THEM. NEVERTHELESS THE YUGOSLAVS ARE MOST RELUCTANT TO MAKE FIRM STATEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT (COMMENT: WE CAN CONFIRM THAT THIS IS TRUE OF OUR CONTACTS IN THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HERE WHO ARE QUITE CAGEY AND NON- COMMITTAL IN DISCUSSION OF THE HUNGARIAN PROBLEM IN MBFR). OUR FONOFF CONTACT BELIEVES THAT THIS YUGOSLAV BEHAVIOR STEMS FROM THE REALIZATION THAT WHATEVER THEY SAID WOULD NOT MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE IN THE ACTUAL OUTCOME AND WOULD THEREFORE BE A VAIN AND GRATUITOUS PINPRICK IN THE SIDE OF THE USSR.

2. OUR SOURCE COMMENTED THAT THE FONOFF HAD OBTAINED SOME INFORMATION ON YUGOSLAV DEFENSE POLICY INDICATING THAT THE YUGOSLAVS WERE DETERMINED TO REDUCE THE DEPENDENCY OF THE PEOPLE' S MILITIA ON SOVIET/ WARSAW PACT- SUPPLIED ARMS. THE FONOFF SEES IN THIS A " TWO- PHASED" POLICY IN WHICH YUGOSLAVIA' S REGULAR FORCES, WHOSE PRIMARY MISSION IS TO STOP AN AGGRESSOR AT THE BORDER AND PREVENT HIS INTRUSION INTO THE COUNTRY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE,
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WILL CONTINUE TO BE ARMED WITH SOVIET TANKS, ETC. WITH REGARD TO THE PEOPLE' S MILITIA, WHOSE DUTY WOULD BE TO WAGE A TRADITIONAL PARTISAN WAR ONCE THE ARMY WAS IN THE COUNTRY, THE MOVE IS TOWARD INCREASED INDEPENDENCE OF SOVIET/ WARSAW PACT SOURCES OF SUPPLY.

3. EXTERNAL MATTERS.

(A) FAR EAST. THE YUGOSLAVS TOLD THEIR GERMAN GUESTS THAT THEY WERE HEARING REPEATED EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FROM A VARIETY OF FAR EASTERN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, ABOUT AN ALLEGED TENDENCY OF THE WEALTHY INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES TO COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY WITH ONE ANOTHER AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS. OUR SOURCE SAID THE YUGOSLAVS DID NOT ENDORSE THIS VIEWPOINT BUT SIMPLY PASSED IT ON AS A MATTER OF INTEREST.

(B) MID- EAST. AS USUAL, YUGOSLAVS SAID THEY WERE VERY WORRIED ABOUT THE SITUATION AND THAT SOMETHING HAD TO BE

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